

There are some elements of this new bill to be applauded. Measures to require detention of and expedited removal of aliens, for example, are a good step. Also to be applauded is the requirement for an additional 250 inspectors at U.S. ports of entry each year from 2007 through 2010, although this is unfortunately subject to the availability of funds. But overall this bill is a weak substitute for real immigration and border reform. As the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) says, H.R. 4437 "treats some of the symptoms, it does not, in fact, do enough to actually cure the illness."

TRIBUTE TO JOHN SPENCER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Spencer, who passed away yesterday at the age of 58. From his role on "The Patty Duke Show" in the 1960's, to his role on "The West Wing" today, he has touched the lives of millions of Americans.

Born December 20, 1946, John Spencer grew up in the great town of Totowa, New Jersey, in my congressional district. At the age of 16 he left home to pursue an acting career in New York. He quickly earned a prominent role on "The Patty Duke Show," playing Henry Anderson. When the show moved to Los Angeles and ended Spencer's run, he returned to the great state of New Jersey, attending Fairleigh Dickinson University for two years. He then moved back to New York and began working as a stage actor.

Mr. Speaker, John Spencer was the son of a dumptruck driver, and brought that working class attitude to his life as an actor. There is no argument about his acting talent, but what set him apart were the countless hours he spent perfecting the lines, the delivery, the entire character.

His career ran the gamut. In the late 1980's he starred as Harrison Ford in "Presumed Innocent," which led producer David E. Kelley to cast him as Tommy Mullaney on "L.A. Law." In the late 1990's he starred in "The Rock," and "The Negotiator," two very high profile successful films. In 1999, he was the first actor cast by Aaron Sorkin to star on "The West Wing," as Leo McGarry; a role I have especially enjoyed watching him play. First as White House Chief of Staff and currently as the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, it has been refreshing to watch his character, particularly serving a Democrat in the White House. It would have been nice to have a Vice President from Passaic County.

His working class origins were always apparent. From "Patty Duke" all the way up to the present movies, he was always somebody down to earth, two boots on the ground. I think it had a lot to do with the parts he played.

Mr. Speaker, with John Spencer's death our nation has lost an acting treasure. From the stage, to television to the movies, his career brought joy to millions of Americans. He will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO MAYNARD ORME

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, after 19 years as CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting and nearly 40 years in public broadcasting, my good friend Maynard Orme will be retiring later this month.

Under Maynard's leadership, OPB has grown and now employs 180 people, operates five television stations and four radio stations. OPB has transformed from a small to a large media entity, providing statewide service to both rural and urban Oregon. Every week 1.4 million people listen to and view OPB, making it one of the largest media outlets in the nation.

Earlier this year Maynard received the Lowell Medal from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for his outstanding contributions to public television. His passion for public broadcasting is evident through his dedication on the Public Broadcasting Service board and Association for Public Television Station board. Under this hard financial time for public broadcasting, Maynard has also been able to pioneer a self-sustaining revenue model for OPB.

He is a treasure trove of institutional knowledge and although I wish him the best retirement, I hope to continue to seek his insights.

THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS ARE PERFECT AGAIN

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the tradition of football excellence continues at a high school in the Sixth District of North Carolina that is known throughout our State as a football powerhouse. For the second year in a row, and for the sixth time in school history, Thomasville High School has captured a North Carolina high school football championship. In addition, while the rest of the country wonders if the NFL's Colts can match the 1972 Dolphins perfect, unbeaten season, I am also pleased to note that Thomasville completed its second, perfect 16-0 football season. In fact, perfect, unbeaten seasons have only been accomplished twice since they began playing high school football in North Carolina in 1927. The other school to do it: Thomasville High School in 1995.

Thomasville captured its second straight State football championship on December 10, 2005, when the Bulldogs defeated Wallace-Rose Hill 21-20 at Wake Forest University's Groves Stadium. The one-point victory was a case of déjà vu for Thomasville because last year the Bulldogs defeated Wallace-Rose Hill 15-14. "These one-point wins are tough on your nerves," Thomasville coach Benjie Brown told the High Point Enterprise. "I don't feel any different. Those kids last year earned it just as much as these kids did. I'm happy for both groups."

We are pleased to recognize all the members of the Thomasville football team who

contributed to this perfect championship season. Members of the squad included Najee Brown, Jeremy McKiver, Cory Tobin, Willie Green, Showron Stukes, Bradley Watkins, E.J. Abrams-Ward, Justin Moore, Chris Woods, Khiry Billie, Richard McLendon, Darius Little, Scott Hines, Quan Warley, Alex Rodriguez, Shawndarian Sanders, Rashad Whitaker, Quan Sanders, Chris Webber, E.J. McCormick, Jaquan Mouzone, Brad Wilkes, Bud Ray, Terrance Pearson, Dajuan Ingram, Lawrence Jackson, Brandon Johnson, Mertez Wilson, Demagio Lawson, Brandon Moss, Jamall Steele, Lorenzo Cannon, Kendarius Cox, Jerrell Wilson, Antonio Royal, Courtney Henry, Ari Foust, Xavier Wallace, Quentin Long, Preston Atwood, Robert Benjamin, Tommy Green, Cornelius Davis, Ji Soo Noh, Trey Ray, Quinton Lindsey, Evander Davis, Dustin Gloor, Willie Cannon, and Michael Byrd.

The players would be the first to tell you that they wouldn't have been able to achieve all that they did without the strong support of the coaching and support staffs. Starting with head coach Benjie Brown, the Bulldogs were ably coached by Stan Baranowski, Allen Brown, Roger Bryant, Sam Captain, Phillip Johnson, Danny Medlin, Matt Pugh, Brandon Staton, and Nick Sweitzer. The community coaches who assisted included Vince Brown, Ed Courtney, Kemp Harvey, and Don Osborne. The middle school coach was Eric Rader. The other valuable members of the Bulldog championship squad included team doctors David Williams and Rob Williams, trainers Kenny Coker and Charles Crowell, statistician Barry Tucker, film crew members Travis Leanord, Wade Loflin, Casey Medlin, and Adam Oakley, gym maintenance staffer Bill Moore, and team managers Keyshawn Green, Ryan Hanner, Jason Hicks, Luke Williams, and Antwon Simon.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Thomasville Bulldogs for completing its second consecutive State football championship and doing it without a loss all year. Congratulations to principal Dirk Gurley, athletic director Woody Huneycutt, the teachers, staff, students, parents, and fans of Thomasville High School for bringing football perfection to our district.

STATEMENT HONORING NATELEE BRINLEE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young woman whose bravery and quick thinking saved her family from a devastating fire. Eight-year-old Natelee Brinlee is a hero in every sense of the word.

Natelee had been through the Irving Fire Department's Safety House where she learned how to implement life-saving measures during a fire emergency. When a fire started in her home, Natelee knew to call 911, and alertly woke up her uncle and brother. This heroism saved Natelee, her uncle and two brothers.

Natelee Brinlee showed maturity and bravery well beyond her 8 years. The recognition

she is receiving is imminently well-deserved, and I know this is merely the first step of many bright years ahead.

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, while there is much in this bill that concerns me, I will vote for it because its primary purpose is to make necessary improvements in securing our borders, which I think is needed as part—but only part—of immigration-reform legislation.

To be frank, however, if this bill represented our last word on immigration reform, I would vote against it. By focusing exclusively on the question of border security and immigration enforcement, the House Republican leadership is ignoring the most difficult and challenging aspect of immigration reform, namely the question of how to deal humanely and effectively with the estimated 8–11 million illegal immigrants currently living and working in this country.

Moreover, I am not in favor of making every man, woman and child who overstays a visa or resides in this country illegally a criminal. By making any violation of immigration rules a criminal rather than a civil offense we may only end up discouraging law enforcement from discovering real threats of terrorism or violent criminal conduct. Driving illegal immigrants deeper underground, even more than current law, which keeps them in the shadows, is a terrible tactic if our overarching goal is national security.

So, Mr. Chairman, there are some strong reasons for voting against this legislation. It offers no full solution to the problem of illegal immigration; it is unnecessarily punitive toward otherwise law-abiding individuals, and it unwisely commits this country to the construction of a costly border fence that many security experts believe will divert resources away from more important homeland security needs.

My readiness to support this bill was also reduced by the rhetoric of some who are most vocally in support of it. There is perhaps no more divisive issue in our country than immigration, and sadly, the tone and content of much of the debate in the House has only fueled the division. I discussed the tone and substance of this debate with a good friend and colleague from the Republican side of the aisle and found that we agreed that the House was missing an opportunity to unite the country and pass a sorely-needed comprehensive immigration reform bill.

Despite these concerns, I will vote in favor of this bill because we have to make necessary investments in border security and enforcement. The 9/11 Commission has rec-

ommended increased immigration enforcement personnel, stronger surveillance, tougher entry-and-exit procedures and the use of better technologies to enhance our border security. This bill addresses these concerns and I favor all of these provisions.

Finally, I am convinced that reassuring the American people that we have taken strong action to strengthen enforcement and secure our borders is a necessary predicate for the harder and more complicated task of addressing the problem of existing illegal and undocumented workers.

With stronger border security and enforcement established we can work with the Administration and our colleagues in the Senate to build a consensus for the harder task of clarifying the status of existing illegal immigrants, most of whom are hard-working and otherwise law-abiding people, in a humane and thoughtful way that will protect children, include guest-worker needs and establish a fairer process for legalized entry. If that effort succeeds—as I think it can and am convinced it must—the result not only will be better than the bill before us, it will be a measure that deserves to be sent to the President for signing into law.

HONORING NORTH METCALFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6TH GRADE ACADEMIC TEAM

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Metcalfe Elementary School 6th Grade Academic Team for their participation and high achievement in the Kentucky Colonel academic competition on December 3, 2005. In this competition, students competed in written assessment categories of math, science, language arts, social studies and arts and humanities.

In these categories, team members placed first and second in math and second in language arts. Collectively, the team went home as first place Kentucky Colonels Quick Recall Champions and placed second in the overall competition, defeating six other teams. Together, they demonstrated great academic prowess, teamwork and sportsmanship before a regional audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

I would like to commend Kristen Compton, Price Bell, Lindsey Coomer and Chandler Staggs for their accomplishment. I would also like to recognize their coaches, two fine educators, Angela Welsh and Rachel Dial. I am very proud to represent these students, teachers and their families.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the North Metcalfe Elementary School 6th Grade Academic Team for their achievement and wish them continued success in their promising future years.

IN HONOR OF CORPORAL ANTHONY THOMAS MCELVEEN

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous young man who died while serving our country in the war in Iraq. Corporal Anthony Thomas McElveen, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, was killed by enemy action while conducting combat operations on December 1 in Fallujah, Iraq.

On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of Georgia, I wish to extend condolences to Corporal McElveen's family and friends, and especially to his widow Carrie who resides in my district.

I also extend the thanks of our state and nation to a brave Marine and his family for their sacrifice in keeping the fight for our freedom on foreign soil. Corporal McElveen's courage, dedication to duty, and willingness to pay the ultimate price to preserve his country will never be forgotten.

Semper Fidelis.

HONORING MR. TERRY R. ADAMS FROM ASHLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight and commend the service of Mr. Terry R. Adams, a resident of Oregon's Second Congressional District, for his service to his community and the nation as a member of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents. Mr. Adams recently completed his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents and had previously served in many positions of responsibility in the Association for more than 18 years. Mr. Adams has also served the insurance industry in many positions at the state level, including as president of the Oregon/Idaho state affiliate.

Mr. Adams has been recognized by his peers for his service in the industry, having twice been honored as the Professional Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of Oregon/Idaho, first in 1996 and again in 2001. Terry is a principal of Reinholdt & O'Hara Insurance in Ashland, Oregon, where he has spent his professional career advising consumers about how to obtain the best insurance coverage for their needs.

Mr. Adams' dedication to the highest standards of professionalism as a professional insurance agent has earned him the respect of friends, colleagues and the insurance industry as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to rise today to share with my colleagues the good work that Mr. Adams has done throughout his career as a member of the insurance community, and again congratulate him on the completion of his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.